

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING



May 22, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO:

State Board of Education

FROM:

Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Criteria for the Michigan Statewide System of Support -

School and District Audit Tool Development Grant

Federal legislation requires each state to establish a statewide system of support for local educational agencies and schools receiving Title I funds to increase the opportunity for all students to meet the state's academic content and performance standards. An essential component of the Michigan Statewide System of Support is a Comprehensive Audit. The development of a comprehensive school and district audit tool is an essential element of programmatic success.

The grant awarded by the State will be based upon criteria, standards, and weighting identified within the Request for Proposal. Each proposal will be considered as a whole solution, without limitation, including all services proposed, qualifications of the grantee and any subcontractor, and cost.

The grantee will comply with all applicable requirements of State statutes, Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies and award conditions governing this program.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Michigan Statewide System of Support – School and District Audit Tool Development Grant, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated May 22, 2009.

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Criteria for Michigan Statewide System of Support – School and District Audit Tool

Development Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its Strategic Goal "Attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary emphasis on high priority schools and students."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal, and the Board's Vision and Principles of Universal Education.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE OF GRANT

student achievement in that school.

The Michigan Statewide System of Support – School and District Audit Tool Development Grant supports the Board's goal of attaining substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students/children with primary focus on high priority schools and students.

Competitive Formula New Continuation (Check all that apply) While No Child Left Behind has outlined a series of sanctions that need to be implemented by schools, the Michigan Department of Education has implemented additional support by administering Comprehensive School Audits in those schools that are in advanced sanctions, Phases 3 and above. The purpose of the Comprehensive School Audit is to identify areas of academic focus, verify the progress schools are making in their improvement efforts, and to provide documentation to the local school district, their intermediate school district, and the Michigan Department of Education as to the efforts being employed to increase

As stakeholders and end users have re-imagined our Statewide System of Support for Title I, High Priority Schools, it has become evident that a more in-depth, comprehensive audit tool needs to be developed for both individual school buildings and their districts, beginning in Phase 0+ and above.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved	i: N/A
☐ Defined in Legislation ☐ Proposed by Staff	Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder Staff

Federal legislation requires each state to establish a statewide system of support for local agencies and schools receiving Title I funds to increase the opportunity for all students to meet the state's academic content and performance standards. An essential component of the Michigan Statewide System of Support is a Comprehensive Audit. The development of school and district audit tools will include:

- Research and reporting of effective school and district audit instruments being utilized by other states as part of their statewide system of support.
- A tool, aligned with the Michigan School Improvement Framework, which will assess and report the systemic and programmatic successes and challenges faced by individual Title I, High Priority school buildings and their districts.
- An electronic/web based format which provides immediate feedback for both end users and the state education agency.
- Beta field testing, modification, and support for successful implementation.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS/TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

Eligible applicants would be an intermediate school district/regional educational service agency, universities, educational research and support organizations.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$125,000

LEGISLATION

Section 1117 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

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